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ANION EXCHANGE RESINS, AND CONDENSATE DEMINERALIZERS

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**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 3, 2004. Claims 2-6 and 15-20 included improper status identifiers. Attached to this sheet is the Request for Continued Examination with the corrected amendments to the claims. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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